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VOTE BACKS ROLE IN CIA

But Foreign Relations Committee Still May Lose

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Washington, May 17—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 14 to 5 today for a controversial resolution that would give it a role in overseeing the Central Intelligence Agency.

In an effort to avoid having the resolution pigeon-holed in the Senate Rules Committee, the Foreign Relations panel amended it in the hope of bringing the issue directly to the floor for a vote.

But Senator Russell (D., Ga.), who has laid his considerable prestige on the line in opposition to the resolution, said he would oppose immediate action.

Wants To Add 3 Members

Russell is chairman of a special CIA watchdog committee composed of high-ranking members of the Armed Services and Appropriations committees. Its work is as supersecret as the agency it oversees.

The Foreign Relations Committee would like to add three of its members to the Russell group on the ground that CIA undercover operations have an impact on foreign policy decisions and operations.

Russell served notice yesterday he would fight any such attempt to "muscle in" on his jurisdiction and today he said he was not impressed by the new amendments to the Foreign Relations Committee resolution.

The amendments eliminated any reference to money or staff for the proposed nine-member "Com-

mittee on Intelligence Operations." Had these provisions remained, the resolution would have been referred automatically to probable oblivion in the Rules Committee.

It was anticipated that the parliamentarian would advise the presiding officer of the Senate that today's amendments would eliminate the need for referral to the Rules Committee.

Russell Explains Views

Russell, however, contended during an interview that the proposed committee's authority to use the "services, information, facilities and personnel" of Government agencies in its work implicitly suggested the expenditure of funds.

The Georgia senator said if the resolution is not sent to the Rules Committee it "surely" should be reviewed by the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees—the two panels now exercising jurisdiction.

If the Senate is to have any "pretense" of organization, he held, it must be careful about having one committee "invade" the jurisdiction of another.

More Palatable, He Says

Senator Fulbright (D., Ark.), the committee chairman, declined to predict the fate of the resolution but said today's amendments made it "more palatable."

On the 15-to-5 committee roll call, Senators Lausche (D., Ohio), Symington (D., Mo.), Mundt (R., S.D.), Hickenlooper (R., Iowa) and Carlson (R., Kan.) voted against the McCarthy resolution.

Those favoring enlargement of the CIA watchdog committee were Senators Fulbright, McCarthy, Sparkman (D., Ala.), Clair (D., Pa.), Mansfield (D., Mont.), Morse (D., Ore.), Gore (D., Tenn.), Church (D., Idaho), Dodd (D., Conn.), Pell (R., R.I.), McGee (D., Wyo.), Aiken (R., Vt.), Williams (R., Del.), and Case (R., N.J.).